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House Workforce and Higher Education Committee, Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 184  
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Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and members of the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 184. This legislation represents a significant step forward in ensuring fairness and protecting the rights of intercollegiate athletes in Ohio.

House Bill 184 is designed to safeguard the rights of student-athletes, particularly around the issue of name, image, and likeness—or NIL—contracts. The bill ensures that NIL contracts with student-athletes cannot extend beyond their eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics. This important protection guarantees that athletes retain their future rights to their NIL and are not compelled to relinquish compensation or other rights after their collegiate careers end.

The bill also addresses the regulation of athlete agents. It establishes necessary oversight to ensure agents cannot impose unfairly binding contracts on athletes beyond their eligibility.

At this point, I would like to turn it over to my fellow sponsor to continue outlining the important protections House Bill 184 provides.